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Applicant #1, Name: Gerald T Mattson

~~Applicant #2, Name:~~ This is a division of 10/037,162

Title: Device and method for stuffing food items

☐ Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets 13

☒ Declaration: Date Signed: 10-23-03

☒ Drawing(s): Nr. of Sheets Enc.: Formal: \_\_\_\_\_ Informal: 3

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Very respectfully,

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or coversheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for expedited examination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SR prior to examination	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SR after examination	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460	Extension	
118 1,440	218 720	Extension	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension	
119 320	219 160	Notice	
120 320	220 160	Filing a	
121 280	221 140	Request	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition	
140 110	240 55	Petition	
141 1,280	241 640	Petition	
142 1,280	242 640	Utility fee	
143 460	243 230	Design fee	
144 620	244 310	Plant fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (g)	
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581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129 (b))	
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